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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

STAT VIA:

[Redacted]
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

STAT FROM:

Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Draft DCI Directive on Intelligence Information
Handling Committee

23 FEB 1982

1. Action Requested: That you review the attached revised DCI directive to determine if the proposed role of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) is adequate to carry out the DCI's objectives for the Intelligence Community. If the directive is adequate, we ask that you approve its circulation to IHC members for comment.

2. Background: The revised version results from consultation among the Chairman, IHC, the IHC members, and the Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC.

The Chairman, IHC, believes the revised DCI directive should be taken as neither a diminution of nor an expansion of the committee's existing charter.

The Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC who considers revision of the directive to include a review of the activity or function involved, notes that the directive for the IHC provides a broad charter to advise the DCI on his objectives and to assist in their implementation. The directive does not specify what the DCI's objectives are.

Within the broad proposed charter, the IHC would play a particular role if the DCI's objective is to create a common Intelligence Community data base. The IHC role would be different if the objectives are to encourage the interchange of information within security restraints; to guard against unnecessary duplication; and to use efficient information handling techniques.

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The Chairman, IHC, notes that the revised charter is not adequate to support the creation of a common data base, but fully supports the second set of objectives.

In the cases of the Human Resources Committee and the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee, the DCI directives were revised in the light of specific guidance from the DDCI.

The opportunity to clarify the DCI's objectives in the area of intelligence information handling presents itself as a function of revising the DCI directives.

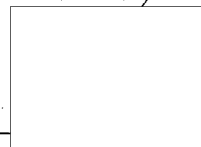
3. Recommendation: That you consider providing guidance on the role of the IHC to be reflected in the directive or as an independent action.

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Draft directive approved for circulation: _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

COMMENTS: _____

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE ¹~~No. 1/4~~¹

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE

~~(Effective 18 May 1976)~~

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and Executive
12333

~~Order 12036 and National Security Council Intelligence Directives, an~~
Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) is hereby established. ~~as a~~
~~standing Director of Central Intelligence Committee with the following mission~~
~~and functions.~~

1. Mission

is to advise the Director of Central

The mission of the committee, ~~under the general guidance of the Director~~
of Central Intelligence (DCI) on the establishment of common objectives for
~~of Central Intelligence, is to promote and coordinate within the Intelligence~~
Intelligence Community information handling and to coordinate the achievement
~~Community the accomplishment of Director of Central Intelligence objectives~~
of these objectives through
~~for information handling,~~² ~~and the continuous improvement and integration of~~
Intelligence Community information ~~and~~ handling systems.

18 May 1976

¹This directive supersedes DCID 1/4 effective ~~4 April 1968~~.

²~~Information handling, for the purpose of this directive, includes the~~
~~functions of receipt of information from collection sources, dissemination,~~
~~transformation, indexing, categorization, storage, retrieval and presentation,~~
~~and telecommunications and teleprocessing related thereto.~~

2. Definition

Information handling includes the functions of receipt of information from collection sources, dissemination, transformation, indexing, categorization, storage retrieval and presentation, and automatic data processing, telecommunications and teleprocessing related thereto.

3. Functions

Under the general guidance of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the committee will:

~~The functions of the committee are:~~

a. ~~To~~ Formulate and recommend to the Director of Central Intelligence ~~objectives~~, policies, plans and programs relating to the establishment of an Intelligence Community information handling system.

b. ~~To~~ Monitor and coordinate implementation of plans and programs approved by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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c. ~~To assist the~~ Intelligence Community ~~in the introduction of improved~~ methods and facilities for information handling that will eliminate unwarranted duplication of files and processing.

d. ~~To~~ Develop and promulgate within the Intelligence Community standards,
common rules, procedures and formats for the exchange of information between agencies, and establish procedures to provide Intelligence Community compliance with Federal Government data standardization programs, where applicable.*

*Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 28, "Standardization of Data Elements and Representations," 5 December 1973, US Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards.

e. To Monitor and report on research and development efforts in the scientific, academic and industrial communities in information science in
made by

order to ensure that optimum use of this research is ~~directed to the~~
Intelligence Community. ~~information processing problem.~~

~~f. To promote the establishment of education and training programs in information science.~~

f. To Identify Intelligence Community research and development needs and to promote interagency exchange of information and cooperation in research and development on information processing. particularly in those
~~areas which involve the Intelligence Community as a whole.~~

g. In coordination with the Security Committee, ensure that the security aspects of information handling systems are given appropriate consideration.

~~To promote and coordinate the development of Intelligence Community information handling capabilities which will provide on a timely basis as required relevant multi source information in response to authorized queries.~~

~~i. To provide assistance and encourage the development of standardized procedures for information handling to include the development of compatibility of files for ADP storage and retrieval systems.~~

h. Promote the establishment of education and training programs in information science.

~~j. To promote arrangements between organizations designed to eliminate unwarranted duplication of files and processing.~~

~~k. To ensure that the security aspects of new information handling systems under development are given appropriate consideration.~~

~~l. To assist as appropriate in the development of automated information handling systems and automated conference techniques for crisis management and indications and warning activities.~~

~~m. To monitor for the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Community the intelligence information handling requirements for emergency contingency planning.~~

~~n. To formulate and recommend policies and procedures relating to the procurement, indexing, flow, storage, exchange and release of intelligence documents.~~

~~o. To promote, coordinate and monitor Intelligence Community telecommunications and teleprocessing activities related to information handling.~~

3. Community responsibilities

Upon request of the committee chairman, Intelligence Community elements shall,

~~organizations shall furnish to the committee within established security~~
, provide information pertinent to the committee's mission and
~~safeguards particular information or materials needed by the committee and~~
functions.

~~pertinent to its functions.~~

4. Composition and Organization

~~Composition, organization and rules of procedure~~

The Committee chairman will be appointed by the DCI

~~The composition, organization and rules of procedure of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee are those stated in DCID 1/3.~~

With the approval of the DCI, the committee chairman may invite representatives of relevant US Government entities with national security interests to participate as appropriate.

The chairman will establish such subcommittees, working groups, and advisory groups as may be required to support the work of the committee.

The committee will be supported by an Executive Secretariat.

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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